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In re Application of:

David MacLEAN

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For: SAFETY DEVICE FOR USE  
WITH A VIAL

Art Unit: 3763

Examiner: Thompson, Kathryn L.

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**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following is a response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2002.  
Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**In the Specification**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 6, first full paragraph:

Neck member 12, molded or fabricated to have an elastic characteristic, is a flexible upright that extends from collar 12 along a predetermined axis substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis of body 8. Unless biased by an external force, neck member 12 would maintain its molded position. Thus, were neck member 12 biased by an external force, once that force is removed, being flexible, it will spring back to its predisposed original position.

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